

**AGREEMENT**  
**BY AND BETWEEN**  
**KING COUNTY AND THE**  
**INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL**  
**ENGINEERS, LOCAL 17 - PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL (Interest Arbitration)**  
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**ARTICLE 1: PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Agreement is to promote the continued improvement of the relationship between King County (hereinafter called the “County”) and the employees represented by International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers, Local 17 (hereinafter called the “Union”). The articles of this Agreement set forth the wages, hours and other working conditions of the bargaining unit employees.

**ARTICLE 2: UNION RECOGNITION AND MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1.** The County recognizes the Union as the exclusive representative of full-time regular and part-time regular employees holding positions in classifications listed in Addendum A and made part hereof by this reference, who work in the Department of Transportation Metro Transit Division, excluding:

1. All employees in the Design and Construction Section.
2. All employees in the Finance and Administrative Services Section.
3. All employees in the Human Resources Section.
4. All employees in the General Manager's immediate staff.
5. All managerial employees and their confidential assistants.
6. All employees who have a "labor nexus" to the Employer.
7. All employees who are ineligible for representation per the terms of RCW 41.56, et seq.

**Section 2.** It shall be a condition of employment that all employees covered by this Agreement who are members of the Union in good standing on the effective date of this Agreement shall remain members in good standing and those who are not members on the effective date of this Agreement shall, on the thirtieth day following the effective date of this agreement, become and remain members in good standing in the Union, or pay an agency fee to the Union to the extent permitted by law. It shall also be a condition of employment that all employees covered by this Agreement and hired on or assigned into the bargaining unit on or after its effective date shall, on the thirtieth day following the beginning of such employment, become and remain members in good standing in the Union, or pay an agency fee to the Union to the extent permitted by law.

Provided, however, that nothing contained in this section shall require an employee to join the Union who can substantiate in accordance with the procedure set forth in the Washington Administrative Code a bona fide religious tenets or teachings that prohibits the payment of dues or initiation fees to Union organizations. Such employee shall pay an amount of money equivalent to regular union dues and initiation fee; said amounts shall be paid to a non-religious charity or to another charitable organization mutually agreed upon by the employee affected and the bargaining

1 representative to which such employee would otherwise pay the dues and initiation fee. The  
2 employee shall furnish written proof that such payment has been made.

3       **Section 3. Dues Deduction.** Upon receipt of written authorization individually signed by a  
4 bargaining unit employee, the County shall have deducted from the pay of such employee the amount  
5 of dues and initiation fee or representational fees as certified by the Union and transmit the same to  
6 the Union. The Union will indemnify, defend and hold the County harmless against any claims made  
7 and against any suit instituted against the County on account of any check-off of dues for the Union.  
8 The Union agrees to refund to the County any amounts paid to it in error on account of the check-off  
9 provision upon presentation of proper evidence thereof.

10       Provided further that in accordance with applicable laws, employees who object to dues and  
11 fees being used for Union activities not directly related to representation may decline to be members  
12 and shall pay an amount of money to the Union that is a reduction of regular dues and initiation fee,  
13 as required under the law.

14       **Section 4.** Failure by an employee to satisfy the requirements of Section 2 above shall  
15 constitute cause for dismissal; provided that the County has no duty to act until the Union makes a  
16 written request for discharge and verifies that the employee received written notification of the  
17 delinquency including the amount owing, and notification that non-payment after a period of no less  
18 than seven (7) days will result in discharge by the County. A copy of each written notification shall  
19 be mailed to the County concurrent with its mailing to the employee.

20       **Section 5.** The County will require all new employees hired, transferred, or promoted into a  
21 position included in the bargaining unit to sign a form (in triplicate) which will inform them of the  
22 Union's exclusive recognition. One copy of the form will be retained by the County, one by the  
23 employee and the original sent to the Union. The County will notify the Union of any employee  
24 leaving the bargaining unit because of termination, layoff, leave of absence or dismissal.

25       **Section 6.** The County will transmit to the Union, upon request, a current listing of all  
26 employees in the unit. Such list shall indicate the name of the employee, wage rate, job  
27 classification, work shift and location, and unit.

28       **Section 7.** An employee elected or appointed to office in a local of the Union which

requires a part or all of his/her time shall be given leave of absence without pay upon application.

1 **ARTICLE 3: RIGHTS OF MANAGEMENT**

2       The management of the County and the direction of the work force is vested exclusively in  
3 the County subject to the terms of this agreement. Except to the extent there is contained in this  
4 Agreement express and specific provisions to the contrary, all power, authority, rights and  
5 jurisdictions of the County are retained by and reserved exclusively to the County, including, but not  
6 limited to, the right to manage the work of employees, schedule overtime work, to suspend or  
7 terminate, transfer, and evaluate employees; to determine and implement methods, means and  
8 assignments, establish classifications and select personnel by which operations are to be conducted,  
9 including staffing levels; and to initiate, prepare, modify and administer the budget.

**ARTICLE 4: HOLIDAYS**

**Section 1.** Employees eligible for leave benefits shall be granted holidays with pay as provided for in King County Code 3.12.230 as amended and otherwise provided as follows:

New Year's Day	January 1st
Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday	Third Monday in January
Presidents' Day	Third Monday in February
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Independence Day	July 4th
Labor Day	First Monday in September
Veteran's Day	November 11th
Thanksgiving Day	Fourth Thursday in November
Day after Thanksgiving	
Christmas Day	December 25th

and special or limited holidays as declared by the president or governor, and as approved by the Metropolitan King County Council; other days in lieu of holidays as the Metropolitan King County Council may determine.

**Section 2.** Employees eligible for leave benefits shall be granted two personal holidays to be administered through the vacation plan; provided, that the hours granted to employees working less than a full-time schedule shall be prorated to reflect their normally scheduled work day. One day shall be credited to the employee's leave balance on the first of October and one day on the first of November.

**Section 3.** Whenever a holiday falls on a Sunday, the following Monday shall be observed as the holiday, and any holiday falling on a Saturday shall be observed on the preceding Friday.

**Section 4.** An employee must be in a pay status either the employee's scheduled working day before or the employee's scheduled working day after a holiday in order to receive holiday pay. An employee leaving County employment the day prior to the holiday shall not receive holiday pay;

provided, however, that an employee who has successfully completed at least five (5) years of county service and who retires at the end of a month in which the last regularly scheduled working day is observed as a holiday, shall be eligible for holiday pay if the employee is in a pay status the day before the day observed as a holiday.

**Section 5.**

**A.** During a pay period with a holiday week, hourly employees on a flex or alternative work schedule may, with the supervisor's approval, revert to five-day work week(s) so as to be eligible for holiday pay plus all non-holiday work hours for that workweek/pay period. Part-time leave eligible employees shall receive pro-rated holiday pay based on their normal hours of work per week in relation to a full-time schedule.

**B.** Hourly employees on alternative work schedules/flextime (working four days in five or nine days in ten) who take holiday time off in excess of the holiday hours provided and do not adjust their work schedules as provided in A. above shall make up the difference using accrued vacation leave, comp time or leave without pay.

**C.** Holidays paid for but not worked shall be recognized as time worked for purposes of determining weekly overtime for hourly employees.

**D.** Work performed on holidays by hourly employees shall be paid at one and one-half (1-1/2) times the regular rate. In addition, the employee shall receive the regular holiday pay prorated in accordance with their regular schedule. For example:

<b>Scheduled Hours per Week</b>	<b>Pro-rated Hours of Annual Holiday Earnings</b>	<b>Holiday Compensation for Each of the 12 Holidays</b>
35.0	84.0	7.0 hours
40.0	96.0	8.0 hours

**Section 6.** An FLSA exempt employee, who does not work on a holiday, will not have his/her leave balances or pay deducted to pay for the portion of the day not covered by holiday pay.



**ARTICLE 5: VACATION**

**Section 1.** Employees eligible for leave benefits shall be granted holidays with pay as provided for in King County Code 3.12.190 as amended and as otherwise provided as follows:

Full Years of Service	Maximum Total Days
Upon hire through end of Year 5	12
Upon beginning of Year 6	15
Upon beginning of Year 9	16
Upon beginning of Year 11	20
Upon beginning of Year 17	21
Upon beginning of Year 18	22
Upon beginning of Year 19	23
Upon beginning of Year 20	24
Upon beginning of Year 21	25
Upon beginning of Year 22	26
Upon beginning of Year 23	27
Upon beginning of Year 24	28
Upon beginning of Year 25	29
Upon beginning of Year 26 and beyond	30

**A.** Vacation accrual rates for an employee who works other than the full time schedule standard to his or her work unit shall be prorated to reflect his or her normally scheduled work week.

**B.** Employees eligible for vacation leave shall accrue vacation leave from their date of hire in a benefit eligible position.

**C.** Employees eligible for vacation leave shall not be eligible to take or be paid for vacation leave until they have successfully completed their first six (6) months of County service in a leave eligible position, and if they leave County employment prior to successfully completing their

1 first six (6) months of County service, shall forfeit and not be paid for accrued vacation leave. The  
2 terms of this provision do not apply to employees taking accrued leave for a qualifying event under  
3 the Washington Family Care Act.

4 **D.** Employees eligible for leave shall not use or be paid for vacation leave until it has  
5 accrued and such use or payment is consistent with the provisions of this Article.

6 **E.** No employee eligible for leave shall work for compensation for the County in any  
7 capacity during the time that the employee is on vacation leave.

8 **F.** In cases of separation from County employment by death of an employee with  
9 accrued vacation leave and who has successfully completed his/her first six (6) months of County  
10 service in a leave eligible position, payment of unused vacation leave up to the maximum accrual  
11 amount shall be made to the employee's estate, or, in applicable cases, as provided for by state law,  
12 RCW Title 11.

13 **G.** If an employee resigns from a full-time regular or part-time regular position or is  
14 laid off and subsequently returns to County employment within two years from such resignation or  
15 layoff, as applicable, the employee's prior County service shall be counted in determining the  
16 vacation leave accrual rate under Section A.

17 **H.** For employees covered by the overtime requirements of the Fair Labor Standards  
18 Act, vacation leave may be used in one-half hour increments, at the discretion of the appointing  
19 authority.

20 **I.** Employees eligible for vacation leave may accrue up to 480 hours of vacation  
21 leave, prorated to reflect their normal work schedule. Such employees shall use vacation leave  
22 beyond the maximum accrual amount prior to the end of the pay period that includes December 31 of  
23 each year. Failure to use vacation leave beyond the maximum accrual amount will result in forfeiture  
24 of the vacation leave beyond the maximum amount unless the appointing authority has approved a  
25 carryover of such vacation leave because of cyclical workloads, work assignments or other reasons as  
26 may be in the best interests of the county.

27 **Section 2.** Employees eligible for leave shall be paid for accrued vacation leave to their date  
28 of separation up to the maximum accrual amount if they have successfully completed their first six

(6) months of County service. Payment shall be the accrued vacation leave multiplied by the employee's regular rate of pay in effect upon the date of leaving County employment less mandatory withholdings; provided that special assignments of less than 3 months shall not be considered to be a part of the regular rate of pay in effect.

**Section 3.** FLSA exempt employees may use vacation leave in increments of not less than one (1) day.

**Section 4.** Any regular full-time or regular part-time employee who has completed at least one (1) year of service may donate to any other regular employee a portion of his or her accrued vacation for the purpose of supplementing the sick or family leave benefits of the receiving employee. Donated vacation shall be converted to a dollar value based upon the donor's straight time rate.

Vacation donations are strictly voluntary. Employees are prohibited from offering or receiving monetary or any other compensation in exchange for donating vacation hours. The number of hours donated shall not exceed the donor's accrued vacation credit as of the date of the request.

Donated vacation must be used within ninety (90) calendar days. Donated vacation not used within ninety days or due to the death of the receiving employee shall revert to the donor.

Donated vacation is excluded from vacation payoff provisions.

**Section 5. Reopener on Vacation Cashout.** If King County determines that vacation cashout is a benefit that can become available to represented employees; the parties shall reopen negotiations for the purpose of negotiating a basis and terms for providing cashout benefit to members of this bargaining unit.

1 **ARTICLE 6: SICK LEAVE**

2       **Section 1.** Sick leave and family care benefits are provided to employees by way of this  
3 Agreement in conjunction with federal, state and local laws. In some cases, this Agreement may not  
4 be a complete statement of employees' medical leave and family care rights. To the extent that an  
5 employee is entitled to greater medical leave and family care rights under applicable law, it is the  
6 intent of the Parties to provide these rights to the employee. This Article shall operate in conjunction  
7 with applicable law.

8       **Section 2.** Employees eligible for leave benefits shall be granted sick leave with pay as  
9 provided for in King County Code 3.12.220 as amended and as otherwise provided as follows:

10       **Section 3.** The hourly accrual rates are for informational purposes only, and shall not be  
11 construed to mean that bargaining unit employees are compensated on an hourly basis. Benefit  
12 eligible employees shall accrue sick leave benefits at the rate equal of .04616 hours for each hour on  
13 regular pay status exclusive of overtime up to a maximum of 96 hours per year; except that sick leave  
14 shall not begin to accrue until the first of the month following the month in which the employee  
15 commenced employment. The employee is not entitled to sick leave if not previously earned.

16       **Section 4.** Sick leave may be used for the following reasons, in addition or in conjunction  
17 with those offered by law:

18               **A.** An employee personal illness; provided, that an employee who suffers an  
19 occupational illness may not simultaneously collect sick leave and worker's compensation payments  
20 in a total amount greater than the net regular pay of the employee;

21               **B.** The employee's incapacitating injury, provided that:

22                       **1.** An employee injured on the job may not simultaneously collect sick leave  
23 and worker's compensation payments in a total amount greater than the net regular pay of the  
24 employee;

25                       **2.** An employee may not collect sick leave for physical incapacity due to any  
26 injury or occupational illness which is directly traceable to employment other than with the County;

27               **C.** A female employee's temporary disability caused by or contributed to by  
28 pregnancy and childbirth; except that the employee will not be required to exhaust accrued sick

1 leave prior to taking an unpaid leave of absence for such disability;

2           **D.** Employee exposure to contagious diseases and resulting quarantine;

3           **E.** An employee's medical, dental, or optical appointments, provided, that the  
4 employee's immediate supervisor has approved the use of sick leave for such appointments;

5           **F.** To care for the employee's child or the child of an employee's domestic partner if  
6 the following conditions are met:

7                   1. The child is under the age of eighteen;

8                   2. The employee is the natural parent, step-parent, adoptive parent, legal  
9 guardian, foster-care parent, a person having legal custody and control of the child, or stands *in loco*  
10 *parentis* to the child;

11                  3. The employee's child or the child of an employee's domestic partner has a  
12 health condition requiring the employee's personal supervision during the hours of his/her absence  
13 from work;

14                  4. The employee actually attends to the child during the absence from work;

15           **G.** Up to one (1) day of sick leave may be used by an employee for the purpose of  
16 being present at the birth of his/her child.

17           **H.** Leave eligible employees shall receive and expend sick leave benefits  
18 proportionate to the employee's regular work day. For example: If a regular part-time employee  
19 normally works four (4) hours per day and the department's normal work day is eight (8) hours, the  
20 employee will receive four (4) hours of sick leave benefits for the month.

21           **I.** Employees shall be entitled to use sick leave in the maximum amount of three (3)  
22 days for each instance where such employee is required to care for an immediate family member.  
23 For the purpose of sick leave, the term "immediate family" means spouse, child, parent, and domestic  
24 partner of the employee; and the child or parent of the spouse or domestic partner, or a person to  
25 whom the employee stands/stood *in loco parentis* or is/was *in loco parentis* to the employee.

26           **I.** There shall be no limit on the use of sick leave to care for children under Section  
27 2.F. of this Article.

28           **Section 5.** An employee who has exhausted all of his/her sick leave may use accrued

1 vacation leave as sick leave before going on leave of absence without pay, if approved by his/her  
2 immediate supervisor. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Article, an employee may use  
3 either accrued sick leave or accrued vacation leave for a qualifying event to the extent allowed under  
4 the Washington Family Care Act.

5 **Section 6.** Any leave eligible employee whose sick leave accrual balance exceeds one  
6 hundred (100) hours may donate to any other leave eligible employees a portion of his or her accrued  
7 sick leave upon written notice to the donating and receiving employees' department director(s). Sick  
8 leave hour donations are strictly voluntary. No employee may donate more than twenty-five (25)  
9 hours of his her accrued sick leave in a calendar year. Employees are prohibited from offering or  
10 receiving monetary or any other compensation in exchange for donating sick leave hours.

11 Donated hours shall be converted to a dollar value based upon the donor's straight time  
12 hourly rate.

13 Donated sick leave hours must be used within ninety (90) calendar days. Donated hours not  
14 used within ninety (90) days or due to the death of the receiving employee shall revert to the donor.

15 Donated sick leave hours are exempt from sick leave payoff provisions.

16 **Section 7.** Sick leave may be used by employees covered by the overtime provisions of the  
17 FLSA in one-half hour increments at the discretion of their immediate supervisor. FLSA-exempt  
18 employees use sick leave in increments for one full workday.

19 **Section 8.** There shall be no limit to the hours of sick leave benefits accrued by an employee.

20 **Section 9.** Division management is responsible for the proper administration of sick leave  
21 benefits. In cases where management has uniform documentation to support a history of excessive or  
22 patterned absenteeism, an employee may be put on written notice by the Division Manager/designee  
23 that for a period not to exceed six (6) months, all sick leave usage by the employee will require  
24 medical verification.

25 **Section 10.** Separation from King County employment, except by retirement or reason of  
26 temporary lay-off due to lack of work or funds, shall cancel all sick leave currently accrued to the  
27 employee. Should the employee resign in good standing and return to the County within two years,  
28 accrued sick leave shall be restored.

1           **Section 11.** Employees eligible to accrue sick leave, who have successfully completed at  
2 least five (5) years of County employment, and who retire as a result of length of service or who  
3 terminate by reason of death, shall be paid or their estates paid or as provided for by RCW Title 11,  
4 as applicable, an amount equal to thirty-five (35) percent of their unused, accumulated sick leave  
5 multiplied by the employee's rate of pay in effect upon the date of leaving County employment less  
6 mandatory withholdings.

7           All payments shall be made in cash, based on the employee's hourly rate of pay, and there  
8 shall be no deferred sick leave reimbursement. The pre-tax dollars may be applied to the purchase of  
9 County health insurance at the COBRA rates.

10           **Section 12.** It is agreed that the employees covered under the terms of this Agreement shall  
11 be granted medical leave benefits in accordance with the provisions of the King County Family and  
12 Medical Leave Ordinance 13377 as amended and as required by federal and state law.

13           **Section 13.** Employees may use up to three (3) days of sick leave per calendar year for the  
14 purpose of volunteering in a school, in accordance with existing County policies and practices.  
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1 **ARTICLE 7: BEREAVEMENT LEAVE**

2       **Section 1.** If a member of a regular employee's family dies, such employee is entitled to  
3 three days off with pay for bereavement leave. If an employee requests more time, up to an  
4 additional three (3) days may be used from the employee's sick leave balance. For the purpose of  
5 bereavement leave, the term "family" means spouse, child, parent, son-in-law, daughter-in-law,  
6 grandparent, grandchild, sibling, domestic partner, and the child, parent, sibling, grandparent, or  
7 grandchild of the spouse or domestic partner, or a person to whom the employee stands in loco  
8 parentis or is in loco parentis to the employee.

9       **Section 2.** Regular, full-time employees who have exhausted their bereavement leave shall  
10 be entitled to use up to three days of sick leave for their absence from work for each instance when  
11 death occurs to a member of the employee's immediate family.

12       **Section 3.** In the application of any of the foregoing provisions, holidays or regular days off  
13 falling within the prescribed period of absence shall not be charged bereavement leave entitlements.

14       **Section 4.** For the purposes of this Section, part-time regular employees shall be entitled to  
15 the same benefits on a pro-rata basis.



**ARTICLE 8: RATES OF PAY AND COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCES**

**Section 1.** Effective on January 1, of each year during the term of this Agreement, the base wage rates in effect the previous December 31 for all employees shall be increased by 90% of the CPI-W All Cities Index (September to September) with a maximum increase of six (6) percent but not less than two (2) percent.

**Section 2.** Employees shall receive step increases as per the attached pay schedule upon completion of the probationary period and on each January 1st thereafter. All new hires will be hired at a minimum of Step 2.

**Section 3. Top Step Merit Pay.** Employees who are at the top step of their salary range will be eligible annually for a merit increase of either 2.5% or 5% above the top step, at the County's discretion, in accordance with the King County Merit Pay Plan. For purpose of the two-(2) year waiting period for merit eligibility, employees at Step 9 of the pay range shall be treated as though they are at Step 10. Step 9 will be treated as counting toward the two-(2) year waiting period beginning with the year 2002. Employees are eligible for the merit increase who have achieved a performance rating of "outstanding" (at least 4.34 on a scale of 1-5) in two (2) consecutive years.

An employee's performance rating and a decision to grant a merit increase is not subject to the grievance and arbitration provisions of Article 15, Dispute Resolution Procedures.

**Section 4. Pay upon Personnel Action.** An employee who is promoted, reclassified, or works outside of classification for more than 2 weeks in an acting capacity in a classification having a higher maximum salary shall be placed at the nearest step in the new salary range which provides at least a 5% increase above the employee's previous rate of pay in effect at the time of the personnel action. Employees working outside of their classification in an acting capacity for 2 weeks or less shall receive a 5% increase above the employee's previous rate of pay. However, an employee may not exceed the maximum salary of the higher classification including merit pay.

**Section 5. Classification Review.** A classification review of the Warranty Administrator, Contract Specialist III, and Occupational Education and Training Program Administrator – Senior classifications in this unit will be completed by March 1, 2007. If the classification review does not result in a classification change that requires the parties to negotiate salaries, salaries will be

1 negotiated based on the body of work in the above classifications. Any salary increase resulting from  
2 this classification review will be retroactive to the effective date of this Collective Bargaining  
3 Agreement.

**ARTICLE 9: HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME**

**Section 1.** For hourly employees, the normal work week shall consist of five (5) consecutive work days not to exceed eight (8) hours in a nine (9) hour period. The County and the Union agree that alternative work schedules may be established that are mutually agreed between the employee and employer.

**Section 2.** Hourly employees shall be compensated at the rate of time and one-half (1-1/2) for all hours worked in excess of the scheduled work shift, or in excess of forty (40) hours in one workweek, or work on a holiday or a regularly scheduled day off. Overtime may be paid as compensatory time at the rate of time and one-half, if requested by the employee and approved by the supervisor.

**Section 3.** FLSA-exempt employees are covered under the King County Executive Leave Pay and Leave Practices for Executive Administration and Professional Employees policy(s) (<http://www.metrokc.gov/recelec/archives/sysindex.htm#per>) and are expected to work the hours necessary to perform their jobs.

**Section 4.** The nature of the work of many employees represented by this Agreement sometimes requires them to be on-call for periods of time. Hourly employees regularly required to carry notification devices (such as pagers or cell phones) during their normally scheduled time off, will receive an on-call premium of \$1.00 an hour for all time assigned on call.

Hourly employees will be compensated for all time actually worked; however for such time they will not receive the on-call premium. Hours in excess of forty (40) hours worked by hourly Employees in the workweek will be paid overtime at the rate of time and one-half (1-1/2) their regular rate of pay.

**Section 5.** Rideshare Services Representatives may choose to substitute compensatory time at the rate of time and one half (1-1/2) for overtime earned on weekends or scheduled days off when an employee is on-call.

**Section 6.** Alternative work schedules and telecommuting schedules may be established in accordance with Executive Policy (<http://www.metrokc.gov/recelec/archives/sysindex.htm#per>). When a supervisor establishes a schedule change or determines how to respond to an Employee

1 request for an alternative work schedule, he/she must consider the Employee's childcare and other  
2 family and transportation needs in making the decision. If the employee does not agree with the  
3 supervisor's work schedule decision, she/he may request in writing a review by the section manager.  
4 The section manager's decision is final and not grievable. If an alternative work schedule is  
5 established, the compensation provisions of Sections 2 and 3 of this Article, related to FLSA-eligible  
6 and FLSA-exempt Employees remain applicable.

7       **Section 7.** The nature of the work of many employees represented by this Agreement  
8 sometimes requires them to be on-call for significant periods of time and to work, on an on-going  
9 basis, substantially in excess of the standard work schedule for other County employees. Therefore,  
10 each FLSA-exempt employee will be granted a minimum of three (3) days of executive leave  
11 annually. In addition to the base number of days of executive leave granted above, an FLSA-exempt  
12 employee may be granted up to seven (7) additional days of executive leave when authorized in  
13 writing by his/her immediate supervisor, in recognition of the additional on-call time, excess work  
14 and/or performance expectations required by his/her specific position. Executive leave must be used  
15 in the payroll year it was granted and cannot be carried into the next payroll year or cashed-out.

**ARTICLE 10: MEDICAL, DENTAL AND LIFE INSURANCE**

Health Benefits are negotiated and established by the Joint Labor Management Insurance Committee (JLMIC). The Union and the County agree to incorporate changes to employee insurance benefits as a result of any agreement of the JLMIC.

**ARTICLE 11: TRAINING/REIMBURSEMENTS/LMC/BUS PASSES**

**Section 1.** All employees who have been authorized to use their own transportation on County business shall be reimbursed at the rate established by County Council action.

**Section 2. Required Licenses and Certifications.** Members of the bargaining unit who are required to obtain and maintain a Commercial Drivers Licenses and/or a CPR/First Aid Instructor certificate shall have all related costs reimbursed including application, examinations, license, and renewal fees. During the term of this Agreement additional licenses or certifications may be added by mutual agreement of the parties to this contract.

**Section 3. Master ASE Transit Bus Certifications.** With the approval of the supervisor, members of the bargaining unit who obtain and maintain a Master ASE certification in transit bus shall have all registration and test fees reimbursed upon successful completion.

**Section 4.** The County will provide all equipment and Employees' personal foul weather gear to ensure safety and/or identification for Employees based on requirements of their specific job duties.

**Section 5.** The County may provide employees release time to attend training programs that will be beneficial to their job performance. If the County requires attendance at such training programs, the County will pay the expenses incurred. The County recognizes the benefit of training and will provide information and access to training opportunities for Employees, within budgeted appropriations. Training may also include conferences, workshops and other professional networking opportunities. The decision to provide training opportunities will be based upon, but not limited by, the overall objectives of encouraging and motivating Employees to improve their work performance.

**A.** An Employee enrolled in a degree program that the County determines to be job-related may be eligible to receive reimbursement from the County for up to 50% of this program. An Employee who takes individual classes or courses which management determines to be job-related may be eligible to receive reimbursement from the County for up to 100% of class fees or course fees. The decision to provide any reimbursement or initial course approval is solely based upon the County's discretion and is subject to financial constraints; however, management shall assure that

1 over time training opportunities are distributed equitably over the work unit.

2                   **B.** The Labor-Management Committee established pursuant to Section 7 of this  
3 Article shall address the issue of non-traditional training.

4           **Section 6.** The Employer will provide all regular employees and retirees with bus passes at  
5 no cost in accordance with current practice and County ordinance.

6           **Section 7.** The County and the Union agree to establish a joint labor-management committee  
7 (LMC) for the purpose of discussing matters or concerns of either party. Grievances, unfair labor  
8 practices, law suits and disciplinary matters are not subjects for discussion for the LMC. The County  
9 and the Union also understand that the LMC is not a substitute for bargaining and has no authority to  
10 amend the contract. Meetings will be held as needed and may be called by either party. The party  
11 requesting the meeting will be responsible for coordinating the meeting. The Union and County will  
12 co-chair the meeting and will determine the appropriate participants, not to exceed four (4) for either  
13 party.

1 **ARTICLE 12: HIRING AND PROBATION**

2       **Section 1. Hiring.** Hiring for all bargaining unit positions will be announced by posting a  
3 recruitment notice unless a pool of qualified candidates, created pursuant to this Section, is still in  
4 existence and will be used to fill the position. When job announcements are posted to recruit  
5 applicants for a vacant position within the bargaining unit and a pool will be created, the job  
6 announcements shall notify potential applicants that applications received shall also be used to  
7 establish a pool of eligible candidates to fill future vacancies in the same classification. Such notice  
8 shall specify for which classifications the pool is being created. The pool of applicants established  
9 pursuant to this Section shall be retained for twelve (12) months from the date of posting. If a pool is  
10 used to fill a position, all qualified candidates will be considered. Candidates in the pool may update  
11 their applications at any time while the pool is in effect. Qualified candidates from the pool who are  
12 not hired will be notified that their applications will remain in the pool.

13       For vacant positions within the bargaining unit, at least the most qualified applicant in this  
14 bargaining unit who meets the minimum requirements of the position will be offered an interview.

15       **Section 2. Probationary Period.** The applicable provisions of King County Personnel  
16 Guidelines, Duration of Probationary Period, shall apply, except as modified by this section. The  
17 probationary period for a new employee or a newly promoted employee shall be six months. All time  
18 served in an acting capacity in the position to which an employee was ultimately hired may, at the  
19 discretion of the County, be counted toward the probationary period. A probationary period may be  
20 extended up to a total period of 12 months. If a probationary period is to be extended, the union must  
21 be notified and a written notice of the extension must be given to the employee. Notification should  
22 be provided prior to the end of the probationary period.

23       If an employee's probationary period is extended due to the fact that he/she has not received  
24 adequate and consistent supervision during the probationary period, the employee will receive a  
25 retroactive probationary step increase to the date the normal probationary period was completed upon  
26 obtaining regular status.

27       An employee is "at will" during his/her probation and probationary terminations are not  
28 subject to the grievance and arbitration provisions of this Agreement.



1           If an employee was promoted from within the bargaining unit and fails to pass probation in  
2 the newly promoted position, he/she may revert back to his/her former position if it is vacant. If  
3 there is not a vacancy, the employee will be treated as a layoff candidate based on the employee's  
4 former position.

**ARTICLE 13: DISCIPLINE**

**Section 1.** No regular employee shall be disciplined except for just cause. This section shall not apply to probationary employees.

**Section 2.** The off-duty activities of employees shall not be cause for disciplinary action unless said activities are detrimental to the employee's work performance or the program of the agency.

**Section 3.** If the County issues disciplinary action against a regular employee, the employee shall be apprised of his/her rights of appeal and representation.

**Section 4.** The employee and/or representative may examine the employee's personnel file(s) if the employee so authorizes in writing. Material placed into the employee's files(s) relating to job performance or personal character shall be brought to his or her attention. The employee shall have the right to insert documentation into the file(s) that responds to said material. Unauthorized persons shall not have access to employee files or other personal data relating to their employment, except as otherwise authorized by law.

**Section 5.** No employee shall be required to use equipment which is not in a safe condition. In the event an employee discovers or identifies unsafe equipment, he/she will immediately notify the immediate supervisor in writing. Employees shall not be disciplined for reporting unsafe equipment or working conditions to their immediate supervisor. Said equipment shall be repaired or replaced if the employer determines the equipment to be unsafe. At such time as the employer determines the equipment to be safe, the employee will be advised.

**ARTICLE 14: PERFORMANCE APPRAISALS AND MEMOS**

Each Employee will receive performance memos and appraisals as needed.

The Employee may appeal a performance appraisal to the next higher level of supervision.

Performance appraisals or memos are not grievable.

**ARTICLE 15: DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURES**

**Section 1. Grievance/Arbitration/Mediation.** King County recognizes the importance and desirability of settling grievances promptly and fairly in the interest of continued good employee relations and morale and to this end the following procedure is outlined. To accomplish this, every effort will be made to settle grievances at the lowest possible level of supervision.

Employees will be unimpeded and free from restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination or reprisal in seeking adjudication of their grievances.

**A. Definition.**

Grievance - An issue raised by a party relating to interpretation of his/her rights, benefits, or conditions of employment as contained in this Agreement.

**B. Procedure.**

**Step 1.** A grievance shall be presented in writing by the aggrieved employee and his/her representative, if the employee wishes, within fifteen (15) working days of the date when the employee could reasonably be expected to know of the basis for a grievance, to the employee's supervisor. The supervisor shall gain all relevant facts and shall attempt to adjust the matter and notify the employee within ten (10) working days. If a grievance is not submitted to the next level within ten (10) working days from the supervisor's response, it shall be presumed resolved.

**Step 2.** If the grievance has not been satisfactorily resolved at Step 1, the employee and his/her representative may submit the grievance to the Section Manager within ten (10) workdays as stated above for investigation, discussion, and written reply. The Section Manager shall make his/her written decision available to the aggrieved employee within ten (10) working days. If the grievance is not pursued to the next higher level within the following ten (10) working days, it shall be presumed resolved.

**Step 3.** If after thorough evaluation, the decision of the Section Manager has not resolved the grievance to the satisfaction of the employee, the grievance may be presented to the Division Manager. All letters, memoranda and other written materials previously submitted to lower levels of supervision shall be made available for the review and consideration of the Division Manager. He/she may interview the employee and/or his/her representative and receive any

1 additional related evidence which he/she may deem pertinent to the grievance. He/she shall make  
2 his/her written decision available within fifteen (15) working days. The Division Manager's final  
3 pre-arbitration response must be concurred in by the Manager of the Labor Relations Section within  
4 the Human Resources Division, (HRD), of the Department of Executive Services. If the matter is not  
5 resolved, HRD will be the Union's contact thereafter in this process. If the grievance is not pursued  
6 to the next level within thirty (30) working days, it shall be presumed resolved.

7 **Step 4.** If within thirty (30) working days of the date of response provided in  
8 Step Three, the matter has not been resolved the grievance may be submitted to Arbitration. If  
9 Arbitration has been timely requested, the parties may with mutual consent attempt Grievance  
10 Mediation. The process will use a mutually acceptable mediator and conclude within thirty (30) days  
11 after the mutual request.

12 Should arbitration be necessary either after an attempt to mediate the dispute or directly after  
13 Step Three, the Parties shall select a third disinterested party to serve as an arbitrator. In the event  
14 that the parties are unable to agree upon an arbitrator, then the arbitrator shall be selected from a  
15 panel of five arbitrators furnished by the American Arbitration Association or the Federal Mediation  
16 and Conciliation Service, whichever source is mutually acceptable. The arbitrator will be selected  
17 from the list by both the County representative and the Union, each alternately striking a name from  
18 the list until only one name remains. The party to strike first shall be determined by a coin toss. The  
19 arbitrator under voluntary labor arbitration rules of the Association shall be asked to render a  
20 decision promptly and the decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on both parties. No  
21 matter may be arbitrated which the County, by law, has no authority over, has no authority to change,  
22 or has been delegated to any civil service commission or personnel board, as defined in RCW 41.56  
23 or in Chapter 108, Extraordinary Session, 1967, Laws of the State of Washington.

24 The arbitrator shall have no power to change, alter, detract from or add to the provisions of  
25 this Agreement, but shall have the power only to apply and interpret the provisions of this Agreement  
26 in reaching a decision.

27 The arbitrator's fee and expenses and any court reporter's fee and expenses shall be borne  
28 equally by both parties. Each party shall bear the cost of its own attorneys fees regardless of the

1 outcome of the arbitration.

2 There shall be no strikes, cessation of work or lockout during such conferences or arbitration.

3 **C. Time Limits.** Time limits may be extended upon written consent of the parties.

4 **Section 2. Alternate Dispute Resolution Procedures.**

5 **A. Unfair Labor Practice.** The parties agree that thirty (30) days prior to filing a  
6 ULP complaint with PERC, the complaining party will notify the other party, in writing, meet, and  
7 make a good faith attempt to resolve the concerns unless the deadline for filing with PERC would  
8 otherwise pass or the complaining party is seeking a temporary restraining order as relief for the  
9 alleged Unfair Labor Practice.

10 **B. Grievance.** After a grievance is initially filed, the following Alternative Dispute  
11 Resolution (ADR) process may be followed, with mutual consent. This process will not exceed thirty  
12 (30) days:

- 13 1. A meeting will be arranged by the Union representative and Employer  
14 representative (or their designees) to attempt to resolve the matter.
  - 15 a. The meeting will include a mediator and the affected parties.
  - 16 b. The parties may mutually agree to other participants such as union  
17 and management representatives or subject matters experts.
- 18 2. The parties will meet at mutually agreeable times to attempt to resolve the  
19 matter.
- 20 3. If the matter is resolved, the grievance will be withdrawn.
- 21 4. If the matter is not resolved, the grievance will continue through the  
22 grievance process.
- 23 5. The moving party can initiate the next step in the grievance process at the  
24 appropriate time, irrespective of this process.
- 25 6. Offers to settle and aspects of settlement discussions will not be used as  
26 evidence or referred to if the grievance is not resolved by this process.

27 This Section does not supersede or preclude any use of grievance mediation later in  
28 the grievance process.

**ARTICLE 16: EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

The County or the Union shall not unlawfully discriminate against any individual with respect to compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because of race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, marital status, age, sex, ancestry, or sensory, mental, or physical handicap.

**ARTICLE 17: SAVINGS CLAUSE**

Should any part hereof or any provision herein contained be rendered or declared invalid by reason of any existing or subsequently enacted legislation or by any decrees of a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidation of such part or provision of this Agreement shall not invalidate the remaining portions hereof, provided, however, upon such invalidation the parties agree immediately to meet and negotiate such parts or provisions affected. The remaining parts or provisions shall remain in full force and effect.



1 **ARTICLE 18: WORK STOPPAGES AND EMPLOYER PROTECTION**

2       **Section 1.** The County and the Union agree that the public interest requires efficient and  
3 uninterrupted performance of all County services and to this end pledge their best efforts to avoid or  
4 eliminate any conduct contrary to this objective. Specifically, the Union shall not cause or condone  
5 any work stoppage, including any strike, slowdown or refusal to perform any customarily assigned  
6 duties, sick leave absence which is not bona fide, or other interference with County functions by  
7 employees under this Agreement and should same occur, the Union agrees to take appropriate steps  
8 to end such interference. Any concerted action by any employee in the bargaining unit shall be  
9 deemed a work stoppage if any of the above activities have occurred. Being absent without  
10 authorized leave shall be considered as an automatic resignation. Such a resignation may be  
11 rescinded by the division manager if the employee presents satisfactory reasons for his/her absence  
12 within three (3) calendar days of the date his automatic resignation became effective.

13       **Section 2.** Upon notification in writing by the County to the Union that any of its members  
14 are engaged in a work stoppage, the Union shall immediately, in writing, order such members to  
15 immediately cease engaging in such work stoppage and provide the County with a copy of such  
16 order. In addition, if requested by the County a responsible official of the Union shall publicly order  
17 such Union employees to cease engaging in such a work stoppage.

18       **Section 3.** Any employee who commits any act prohibited in this section will be subject in  
19 accord with the County's Work Rules to the following action or penalties:

- 20               1. Discharge.
- 21               2. Suspension or other disciplinary action as may be applicable to such employee.
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**ARTICLE 19: WAIVER**

**Section 1.** The parties acknowledge that each has had the unlimited right within the law and the opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any matter deemed a proper subject for collective bargaining. The results of the exercise of that right and opportunity are set forth in this Agreement. Therefore, the County and the Union, for the duration of this Agreement, each agrees to waive the right to oblige the other party to bargain with respect to any subject or matter not specifically referred to or covered in this Agreement.

1 **ARTICLE 20: WORK OUTSIDE OF CLASSIFICATION**

2 It is understood by the County and the Union that an employee may be assigned in writing by  
3 the section manager or designee to perform the preponderance of duties of a higher classification.  
4 The notice will state beginning and anticipated end date of the assignment. The County agrees that  
5 employees will not be required to perform a preponderance of the duties of a higher classification  
6 except when assigned as provided in this Article and compensated per Article 8.

7 An employee will continue to receive step increases according to the Salary Schedule. If the  
8 current rate of pay includes merit pay above Step 10 of the employee's current pay range, the  
9 compensation for work in a higher classification will be based on the merit pay rate. At the  
10 conclusion of the assignment to a higher classification, the employee will be placed on the step of the  
11 pay range of the employee's regular classification that the employee would occupy if the employee  
12 had remained in the regular classification.

1 **ARTICLE 21: UNION REPRESENTATION**

2       **Section 1.** Authorized representatives of the Union may, after notifying the County official in  
3 charge, visit the work location of employees covered by this Agreement at any reasonable time for  
4 the purpose of investigating grievances, but shall not conduct union business on County time.

5       **Section 2.** Authorized representatives of the Union may have reasonable access to its  
6 members in County facilities for transmittal of information or representation purposes before work  
7 and during lunch breaks or other regular breaks as long as the work of the County employees and  
8 services to the public are unimpaired. Prior to contacting members in County facilities, such  
9 authorized agents shall make arrangements with the division manager.

10       **Section 3.** The Union shall have the right to appoint stewards within Sections and locations  
11 where its members are employed under the terms of this Agreement.

12       **Section 4.** It shall be a violation of this Agreement to directly or indirectly interfere with,  
13 restrain, coerce, or discriminate against any employee or group of employees in the free exercise of  
14 their right to organize and designate representatives of their own choosing for the purpose of  
15 collective bargaining or in the free exercise of any other right under RCW 41.56.

16       **Section 5.** The County agrees to permit the Union to post on County bulletin boards the  
17 announcement of meetings, election of officers, and any other Union material, provided there is  
18 sufficient space beyond what is required by the County for “normal” operations. If sufficient space is  
19 not available on County boards or in areas where County boards are not available, the Union may  
20 provide one with location of same to be determined through mutual agreement of the Union and the  
21 Employer.

1 **ARTICLE 22: REDUCTION IN FORCE**

2 **Section 1. Pre-Layoff Process.**

3 A. When a reduction in force is anticipated, representatives of the County will meet  
4 with the Union Representative to identify the number of employees in this bargaining unit that the  
5 County is anticipating for layoff. The County will demonstrate that all interns, temporary, and term-  
6 limited employees that perform similar professional and technical work in the same Layoff Group  
7 will be laid off prior to the layoff of members of this bargaining unit. The County and the Union  
8 shall jointly endeavor to find ways to minimize or eliminate the number of employees who must be  
9 laid off (*e.g.*, reassign employees to vacant positions, locate temporary placement in other  
10 departments, encourage leaves of absence, or allow job-sharing).

11 B. When the elimination of a position shall result in an employee being laid off, the  
12 employee shall be selected by inverse seniority within the layoff group, as defined in Section 5 and 6  
13 of this Article

14 **Section 2. Notice.** When the elimination of a position shall result in an employee being laid  
15 off, the County shall provide written notice to the Union and the affected employee at least 90  
16 calendar days prior to the effective date of the layoff.

17 **Section 3. Recall Rights.**

18 A. All bargaining unit members who are laid off, whose hours of work are reduced  
19 involuntarily or who accept a position with a lower pay range in lieu of layoff, shall be placed on the  
20 layoff recall list for two years from the date of layoff. In addition, the employee shall retain specific  
21 recall rights to the position from which she/he was laid off for an additional one (1) year following  
22 the end of the two (2) year general recall period. During the three (3) year specific recall period, the  
23 employee shall retain specific recall rights to the position from which s/he was laid off regardless of  
24 whether the employee has accepted a different position within the County. Refusal to accept re-  
25 employment in a position with a lower salary range or with fewer working hours than the employee  
26 held at the time of layoff shall not be cause for removal from the recall list.

27 B. When the County is filling a bargaining unit position and there are laid-off  
28 employees who have held such positions within the previous five (5) years, the employees shall be

1 notified of the vacancy and be afforded an opportunity to apply for the vacant position. The  
2 notification requirement is fulfilled by sending such notification to the employee's last known  
3 address of record.

4 C. An employee who is recalled from layoff within two (2) years shall have all  
5 his/her sick leave balance and vacation accrual rates restored.

6 **Section 4. Outplacement.** The County will provide access to outplacement services for  
7 employees who have been notified of their impending layoff. If the County does not provide  
8 outplacement services that the parties mutually agree meet the needs of the employee, each affected  
9 Employee will be allowed to access non-King County outplacement services for a period of one (1)  
10 year following receipt of their notice of layoff, or to a maximum expenditure of \$2,500, whichever  
11 comes first.

12 **Section 5. Seniority Defined.**

13 A. Seniority shall be defined as the date when the employee first began working in a  
14 bargaining unit position currently covered or would have been covered by this Agreement. King  
15 County is responsible for providing the Union with accurate, pertinent, and timely information to  
16 assist the Union in identifying the seniority date. Failure to provide this information is grievable.  
17 All questions or issues pertaining to a member's seniority will be settled by the Union. The union  
18 determined seniority date cannot be grieved.

19 B. Seniority is portable in a reciprocal manner between this bargaining unit and the  
20 employees in the Planning unit of the Local 17 non-interest arbitration Professional and Technical  
21 Department of Transportation bargaining unit.

22 C. An employee who has obtained career service status in any bargaining unit  
23 classification and who moves into a position in King County outside of the bargaining unit (with the  
24 exception of Section 5 B above), shall retain his/her layoff seniority in the bargaining unit covered by  
25 this contract for one (1) year from the date of transfer.

26 D. An Employee who is granted a voluntary leave of one (1) year or less or who  
27 resigns from County employment for education or professional development or is laid off and is  
28 rehired within two (2) years or less maintains their seniority date. However, if said employee is

gone for more than the above allotted time, upon return to the bargaining unit, he/she will receive a new seniority date reflecting the date of hire.

**E. Acting.**

An employee who is not a member of the bargaining unit working in an acting capacity in a bargaining unit position who is immediately hired permanently to that position shall have his or her seniority date reflect the start date of the contiguous acting assignment.

**Section 6.** Layoffs shall be by least seniority within the following Layoff Groups by subgroup or classification, whichever is applicable. When new job classifications are added to the unit, the Union and the County will meet to mutually determine the placement of each new classification into one of the existing layoff groups or to its own classification group.

## Section 7. Layoff Groups.

Paratransit/ Rideshare Operations Layoff Group	Vehicle Maintenance Layoff Group	Sales & Customer Services Layoff Group	Research Mgmt. Information Layoff Group
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b><u>Layoff subgroup A</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Customer Services Coordinator</li> <li>○ Customer Services Coordinator - Lead</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <b><u>Layoff subgroup B</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Project/Program Manager II</li> <li>○ Transportation Planner</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b><u>Layoff by Classification</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Applications Developer – Senior</li> <li>➤ Business &amp; Finance Officer II</li> <li>➤ IT Project Manager II</li> <li>➤ Maintenance/Planner Scheduler</li> <li>➤ Rideshare Services Representative</li> <li>➤ Transportation Planner III</li> <li>➤ Vanpool Risk Specialist</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b><u>Layoff subgroup A</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Contract Specialist III</li> <li>○ Occ. &amp; Educ. Training Program Administrator Senior</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <b><u>Layoff subgroup B</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Project/Program Manager II</li> <li>○ IT Systems Specialist Senior</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b><u>Layoff by Classification</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Applications Developer – Sr</li> <li>➤ Lan Administrator – Senior</li> <li>➤ Occ. &amp; Educ. Training Program Coordinator</li> <li>➤ Warranty Administrator</li> <li>➤ Data Administrator</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b><u>Layoff subgroup A</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ IT Specialist Senior</li> <li>○ IT Specialist Master</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <b><u>Layoff subgroup B</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Marketing Specialist I</li> <li>○ Marketing Specialist II</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <b><u>Layoff subgroup C</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Customer Services Coordinator</li> <li>○ Customer Services Coordinator – Lead</li> <li>○ Transportation Planner I</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <b><u>Layoff subgroup D</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Educator Consultant II</li> <li>○ Project/Program Manager II</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b><u>Layoff by Classification</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Business &amp; Finance Officer II</li> <li>➤ Business &amp; Finance Officer III</li> <li>➤ Database Administrator – Journey</li> <li>➤ Marketing &amp; Sales Specialist III</li> <li>➤ Project &amp; Program Manager I</li> <li>➤ Project &amp; Program Manager III</li> <li>➤ Project &amp; Program Manager IV</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b><u>Layoff subgroup A</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Project/Program Manager I</li> <li>○ Project/Program Manager II</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b><u>Layoff by Classification</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Project/Program Manager III</li> <li>➤ Project/Program Manager IV</li> </ul>

### Safety Layoff Group

#### **Layoff by Classification**

- Administrator I
- Safety & Health Administrator IV



Power & Facilities Layoff Group	Information Technology Layoff Group	Operations Layoff Group	Transit Security Layoff Group
<p>➤ <b><u>Layoff subgroup A</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Transportation Planner II</li> <li>○ Project/Program Manager II</li> </ul> <p>➤ <b><u>Layoff subgroup B</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Environmental Scientist II</li> <li>○ Environmental Scientist III</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Layoff by Classification</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Business &amp; Finance Officer III</li> <li>➤ Data Administrator</li> <li>➤ Database Administrator – Sr</li> <li>➤ Information Systems Professional IV</li> <li>➤ IT Systems Specialist – Master</li> <li>➤ LAN Administrator – Journey</li> <li>➤ Lead Senior Buyer</li> <li>➤ Maintenance/Planner Scheduler</li> <li>➤ Occ. &amp; Educ. Training Program Administrator</li> <li>➤ Power Distribution Technical Assistant</li> <li>➤ Transportation Planner III</li> </ul>	<p>➤ <b><u>Layoff subgroup A</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Applications Developer Master</li> <li>○ Applications Developer Senior</li> </ul> <p>➤ <b><u>Layoff subgroup B</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ IT Systems Specialist Senior</li> <li>○ IT Systems Specialist Journey</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Layoff by Classification</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Database Administrator Senior</li> <li>➤ Database Administrator – Master</li> <li>➤ GIS Specialist Journey</li> <li>➤ IT Project Manager II</li> <li>➤ LAN Administrator – Journey</li> <li>➤ Project/Program Manager IV</li> <li>➤ Systems &amp; Management Analyst</li> <li>➤ Systems Architect</li> <li>➤ Systems Engineer - Senior</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Layoff by Classification</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Applications Developer – Senior</li> <li>➤ Communications Specialist III</li> <li>➤ Distributed Systems/LAN/PC Support</li> <li>➤ LAN Administrator – Journey</li> <li>➤ Project/Program Manager I</li> <li>➤ Project/Program Manager IV</li> <li>➤ Transportation Planner III</li> <li>➤ Administrator III</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Layoff by Classification</u></b></p>

Service Development – Service Planning/ Scheduling Layoff Group	Service Development – Market Development Layoff Group	Service Development – Route Facilities Layoff Group	Service Development – Speed & Reliability Layoff Group
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Service Development Manager’s Office Layoff Group
<p>➤ <b><u>Layoff subgroup A</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Transportation Planner (all levels)</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Layoff by Classification</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Business &amp; Finance Officer II</li> </ul>

1 **ARTICLE 23: CLASSIFICATION/RECLASSIFICATION**

2       **Section 1. Classification.** The County shall furnish the Union with specific classification  
3 specifications for classifications in the bargaining unit. The County and the Union shall meet to  
4 review proposed modifications and revisions to said specifications and where such revisions have  
5 significant impact on working conditions will negotiate the resulting impacts.

6       **Section 2. Reclassification.** Requests for reclassification may be made because there is a  
7 significant change in an employee's duties and responsibilities for a period of twelve (12) months or  
8 longer. No employee shall submit a reclassification request if it has been less than one (1) year since  
9 the date of a previous reclassification determination.

10       Requests for reclassification must be submitted on the County's Position Description  
11 Questionnaire (PDQ) form. The employee will provide a completed copy of the form to his/her  
12 supervisor for review and comment. The supervisor will review and comment within thirty (30)  
13 calendar days, and then forward the form to the division manager. The division manager shall have  
14 thirty (30) days to review and comment and forward the form to HRD.

15       If the supervisor or division manager has any disagreement with the information provided on  
16 the form by the employee, the supervisor or division manager will discuss this disagreement with the  
17 employee prior to forwarding the form to HRD.

18       If HRD determines that an employee should be reclassified, the reclassification will be  
19 effective the date the final PDQ was submitted to the employee's supervisor. If HRD determines that  
20 a reclassification is not appropriate, the Union may request a hearing with a mutually agreed upon  
21 mediator/arbitrator as provided through the King County Alternative Dispute Program within thirty  
22 (30) calendar days from the date the employee was notified that a reclassification would not take  
23 place.

24       The parties are agreed that the mediator/arbitrator's role in this hearing will be to consider  
25 testimonial and documentary evidence presented by the County and the Union regarding the  
26 employee's appropriate job classification. The mediator/arbitrator will make a determination as to  
27 whether the employee is correctly classified and, if not, the appropriate classification to which the  
28 employee should be assigned. The parties agree to be bound by the classification determination of

1 the arbitrator/mediator.

2       The parties agree that should there be a reclassification dispute, hearings shall be conducted  
3 up to twice a year as agreed upon by the parties.

**ARTICLE 24: CONTRACTING OUT**

The County agrees not to contract out the work normally performed by members of the bargaining unit if the contracting out of such work eliminates or reduces the normal workload of the bargaining unit unless such elimination is de minimis. Prior to any contracting out or in case of an emergency as soon as practicable, the County agrees to inform the Union of its intent and the Union shall have the opportunity to discuss the matter.

**ARTICLE 25: DURATION**

This Agreement shall become effective upon the conclusion of the approval process by King County Council and cover the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009.

Contract negotiations for the period beginning July 1, 2009 may be initiated by either party providing to the other written notice of its intention to do so prior to April 15, 2009. It is the goal of both parties to conclude negotiations prior to expiration of this Agreement.

**APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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